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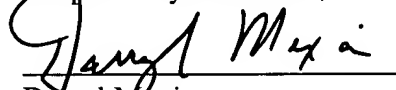
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA) under §1.53(d); (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Nevertheless, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. *The submission of the attached English language abstracts along with Japanese Laid-Open Publication Nos. 10-257367, 11-15850 and 7-178974 constitutes concise statements of relevance of the respective references. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 9-307794, listed in the attached Communication from a foreign patent office, is not submitted herewith since the reference was filed in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on March 27, 2000.*

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